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Chris:

As you know, the Big John Salvage Hoult Road Site was due to be listed per publication of the May 2000 Federal Register, but was delayed due to comments received during the public comment period. It is my understanding that the Site should be listed per publication of the July Federal Register. To this end, I would like to convey the City of Fairmont's and its citizens' desire as well as commitment to ensuring that the Site is listed on the National Priorities List with the utmost expediency.

We in Fairmont strongly believe that listing of the Site is necessary to ensure that the threats posed by the Site to public health and the environment are properly mitigated. Furthermore, listing the Site is the only means by which we can be fully assured that proper cleanup of the site will occur, since inclusion on the National Priorities List ensures the availability of Federal money to perform the cleanup.

Currently, clean up operations are proceeding at a highly accelerated pace at the property known as the Fairmont Coke Works Site, which adjoins the Big John Salvage Hoult Road Site. It is anticipated that the accelerated activities being carried out at the Fairmont Coke Works Site will allow the property to be returned to productive use in 2-3 years. However, the successful redevelopment of the Fairmont Coke Works Site is contingent upon the successful cleanup of the Big John Salvage Hoult Road Site.

This Site cleanup is of the utmost importance to our community.

Sincerely,

Nick L. Fantasia, Mayor
City of Fairmont



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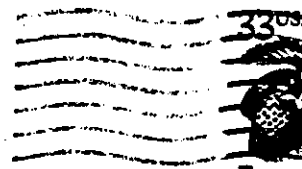


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